

REMARKS

The attached copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated March 9, 2004 (the "Notice") has been carefully reviewed and this response, in the form of a Preliminary Amendment, addresses the concerns stated in the Notice.

The Notice states that required item(s) identified must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment. The Notice states that the required items are replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121. The Notice further states that Figures 15a and 15b have been omitted from the application.

With respect to Figures 15a and 15b, Applicants inadvertently referred to "Figures 15A-B" in paragraph 15 of the specification. However, Figures 15a and 15b are not part of this application, as set forth in the originally-filed drawings. In order to place the application in better condition for examination and allowance, Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment to the specification, deleting the reference to "Figures 15A-B." No new matter has been added by way of this Preliminary Amendment and all changes made therein find their basis in the original application as filed.

Also in response to the Notice, substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121, without the addition of new matter, are enclosed as Appendix A.

Although no fees are believed to be required, please charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 03-2410, Order No. 6353-104.


The following information is presented in the event that a call may be deemed desirable by the Customer Service Center of the Initial Patent Examination Division:

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